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FOLLOWING SENT SECSTATE WASHDC FROM USUN NEW YORK

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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 1079

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF UNEF

1. ACTG SC PRES LECOMPT (FRANCE) ADVISED AMB SCALI
TODAY HE AIMING FOR FORMAL SC APPROVAL OF THREE MONTH
EXTENSION OF UNEF AT MTG ABOUT APR 16. HE SAID EGYPTIAN
REP MEGUID HAS ADVISED HIM EGYPT WANTS A BRIEF,
NON-CONTROVERSIAL RES MODELED ON RES 363 WHICH EXTENDED
UNDOF (REPEAT UNDOF). MEGUID TOLD HIM, SAID LECOMPT,
THAT EGYPT PREFERRED UNDOF RATHER THAN UNEF EXTENSION
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MODEL (RES 362) BECAUSE HE WANTED TO AVOID INCLUDING

LENGTHY CONTENTIOUS MARGINAL ISSUES WHICH SOVS
INSISTED ON LAST TIME SUCH AS FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT.

2. LECOMPT SAID SOV REP MALIK, WITH WHOM HE MET PRIOR
TO DISCUSSION WITH SCALI, FIRST INSISTED THAT RES 362
BE MODEL FOR NEWEST EXTENSION OF UNEF. HOWEVER, AFTER
SOME DISCUSSION, HE INDICATED HE MIGHT BE WILLING TO
ACCEPT RES 363 AS MODEL, SAYING THAT IF RES BRIEF,
HE WLD THEN MAKE LONG SPEECH.

3. LECOMPT SAID HE AIMING FOR APR 16 MTG BECAUSE THAT
IS DATE SYG SAID HE WLD BE AVAILABLE. IN ADDITION,
LECOMPT NOTED THAT SYG REPORT ON UNEF WLD NOT BE
COMPLETED UNTIL APR 12. IN SCENARIO LECOMPT OUTLINED,
SC MEMBERS WLD MEET INFORMALLY TO CONSIDER SYG REPORT
EITHER APR 14 OR APR 15.

4. LECOMPT SAID HE WLD BE WILLING TO PRESENT SIMPLE
RES EXTENDING UNEF THREE MONTHS AS PRES OF SC,
IF HE WAS ASSURED OF CONSENSUS. BUT HE NOTED THAT
NON-ALIGNED IN PAST HAD SPONSORED SOME RESES AND WONDERED
IF THEY WANTED CONTINUING ROLE AS SPONSORS. LECOMPT
SAID HE WLD MEET WITH NON-ALIGNED MONDAY TO DISCUSS
STATE OF PLAY. HE SAID HE WLD MEET WITH BRIT AND CHINESE
TOMORROW.

5. ISRAELI REP TEKOAH, WHOM HE MET WITH
YESTERDAY, HAS PROMISED HIM ISRAELI GOVT REACTION
TO EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL EITHER FRIDAY OR MONDAY.
LECOMPT SAID THAT TEKOAH IN INITIAL COMMENTS OPPOSED
SHORTENING UNEF EXTENSION FROM SIX TO THREE MONTHS
CONTENDING THAT UNEF WAS A MAIN ELEMENT OF
DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT AND DURATION COULD NOT ARBITRARILY
BE SHORTENED. LECOMPT ASKED THAT SCALI USE HIS
INFLUENCE WITH TEKOAH TO PERSUADE HIM TO AVOID CON-
TROVERSIAL COMMENTS AND POLEMICS DURING PUBLIC
DISCUSSION OF UNEF EXTENSION. SCALI SAID HE WLD DO
WHAT HE CLD AND WOULD ADVISE LECOMPT AS TO USG VIEWS.
LECOMPT REPORTED THAT FRENCH REP DE GUIRINGAUD
TENTATIVELY PLANNED TO RETURN TO NY APR 13 AND
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BE IN CHAIR FOR SC SESSION ON UNEF RENEWAL.

6. LECOMPT SAID MALIK HAD ADVISED HIM THAT SYRIANS
IN NEW YORK WANTED UNDOF EXTENDED FOR ONLY TWO
MONTH PERIOD. LECOMPT SAID THIS MATCHED INFO FRENCH EMB
IN WASHINGTON HAD RECD FROM STATE DEPT. SCALI UNQUOTE
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